

PE & Sport in Building Schools for the Future Aiming for Transformation...



About Building Schools for the Future and Partnerships for Schools

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is the government's secondary school renewal programme. BSF was launched in 2003, with the purpose of transforming the way secondary schools function.

Partnerships for Schools (Pfs) is responsible for delivering BSF. We will work with local authorities and the private sector to rebuild or renew every one of England's 3,500 state secondary schools during the 15-year lifetime of the programme. Education and design specialists work with local authorities in developing their vision to create innovative and exciting learning environments for schools. The aim is to transform teaching and learning, placing schools at the heart of their community and to support this through the provision of appropriate buildings for the 21st century.

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PE & Sport in BSF

Partnerships for Schools, together with the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England have jointly recognised the value that PE and Sport can add to the programme at a time when there are record levels of Government and public interest and investment in PE and Sport. The national PESSCL strategy, has received significant investment, and the focus in this area of work has been further enhanced by the successful London Olympics 2012 bid; and the ongoing concerns over the health of the nation – which is seen as critical, and has raised both the recognition of the role of PE and community sport and its importance in terms of access to provision.

Pfs, the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England have appointed two specialist advisers with a remit to work strategically with Pfs Project Directors and across the sector. The aim of BSF is to ensure that all new facilities built, remodelled or refurbished facilitate the transformation of teaching and learning. There is also a requirement to ensure provision for significant community access based on identified local need, and where appropriate, the development of centres of excellence. The focus of the adviser posts (hosted by Pfs) is to carry out the advocacy role for PE and Sport within BSF, at a national level; to ensure that the potential for PE and Sport within BSF is maximised through a coherent and co-ordinated approach.

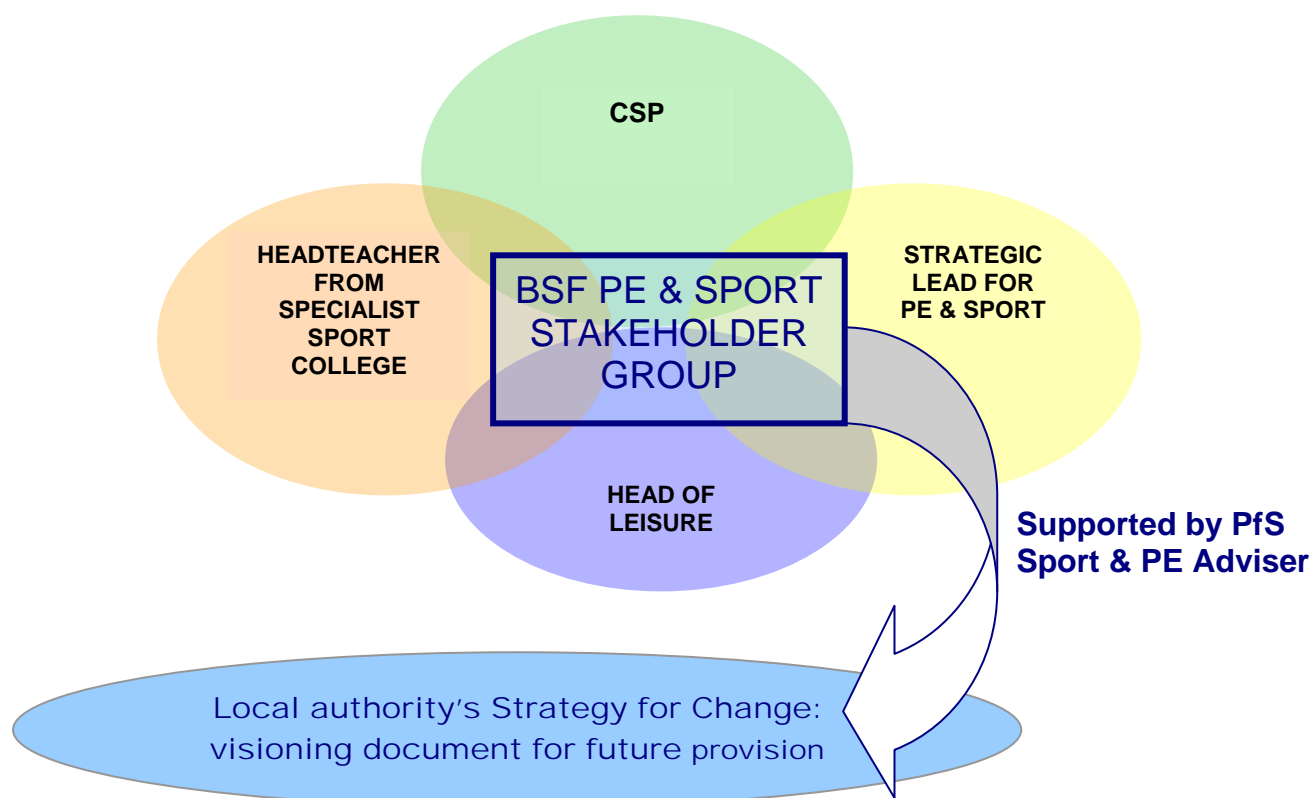
How does the programme work ?

BSF is phased over the next 15 years, with local authorities targeted in waves as the programme progresses. Full details can be found on the PfS website. One of the first areas of work and formal documents required from the local authority is the Strategy for Change (SfC), which is designed to capture both the local authority's strategy for secondary education / community access and the requirements that the strategy places upon the physical school estate.

How do we influence and input to the process?

The Strategy for Change has to be developed by the local authority in collaboration with all local secondary schools and other key stakeholders; undertaking wide, inclusive consultation – this includes targeted meetings, roadshows, exhibitions, stakeholder groups linked to the project board and working groups looking at specific issues. The SfC will identify the needs and opportunities across the whole area; and address both estate (facility) requirements and ICT needs.

The development of the Specialist Sports Colleges, School Sport Partnerships, and PESSCL Strategic Groups, (which collectively provide a voice for PE and school sport), together with the County Sport Partnerships and Community Sport Networks, (providing strategic co-ordination and planning for sport in their geographical area), means that we have the infrastructure in place to input and influence the local authorities' strategy and vision. This will be achieved through the development of a focused BSF PE and Sport Stakeholder Group in each authority, with four key representatives: who will provide the direct liaison and contact between the local authority Project Board and the sporting networks identified earlier.



General programme information and progress on BSF can be found at www.partnershipsforschools.org.uk
Further information to support the cultural sector with BSF www.bsf-culture.co.uk/

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